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For: System and Method for Providing

a Persistent Object Framework for

Managing Persistent Objects

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

In response to the office communication mailed February 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.